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Ms. Rachel D. Campbell
Director, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
ATTN: STB Ex Parte No. 705
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in Ex Parte No. 705, Competition in the Railroad Industry

Dear Ms. Campbell:

With this letter, Arkema Inc. (Arkema) provides notice of its intention to participate in the June 22nd hearing on Competition in the Railroad Industry. This hearing was announced by the Surface Transportation Board in a notice published in the Federal Register on January 14, 2011 and later amended by a decision announced on February 4, 2011.

On behalf of Arkema, I respectfully request that I be granted 5-10 minutes to provide comments on the following topics: Arkema's perspective on and experience with rail competition; policy recommendations for improving competitive balance in the rail industry; and finally, the effects of global competition on Arkema and the chemical manufacturing industry and its relationship to rail service.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O'Leary", written over a horizontal line.

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